

*RSU No. 5*

*Durham – Freeport – Pownal*

*Superintendent's Recommended Budget  
2010-2011*

*April 14, 2010*

*Budget Adjustments  
Teachers Per Grade – updated  
Pownal Elementary 6-8  
Freeport Middle School 6-8  
Durham Community School 6-8  
Pownal Middle School Recommendation Summary*

| <b><u>Budget Adjustments - Actual</u></b> |                            | <u>Additions</u> | <u>Reductions</u> | <u>Revenue</u> |
|---|----------------------------|------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| <u>State Funding</u>                      | ED 279 (3/22/2010)         |                  |                   | \$16,308       |
| <u>Article 7 - Other Instruction</u>      | Stipends                   | \$17,484         |                   |                |
| <u>System Wide</u>                        | Dental - (rates finalized) |                  | -\$10,000         |                |

| <b><u>Budget Adjustments - if retain 3 middle school programs</u></b> |   | <u>Additions</u> | <u>Reductions</u> | <u>Revenue</u> |
|---|---|------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| <u>Article 6</u>  | Pownal Maintain 6-8 (3 teachers)                          | \$195,000        |                   |                |
|   | Reduce Freeport Middle (2 teachers)                       |                  | -\$130,000        |                |
| <u>Article 9</u>  | Eliminate Transportation Choice                           |                  | -\$5,000          |                |
| <u>Funding Options</u>  | Possible Wage Adjustments<br>(for Freeport Support Staff) |                  | -\$20,000         |                |
|   | Ed Tech Hour Reductions                                   |                  | ?                 |                |
|   | Tax Increase  |                  |                   | ?              |

| <b><u>Other Possible Adjustments</u></b> |                                       | <u>Additions</u> | <u>Reductions</u> | <u>Revenue</u> |
|--|---------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| <u>Article 1 - Student Supports</u>      | Library Books                         | ?                |                   |                |
| <u>Article 11</u>                        | G & T .8 Teacher                      | \$52,000         |                   |                |
|  | Teacher Per Diem for Professional Day | \$50,000         |                   |                |

RSU No. 5 Proposed Budget 2010-11  
 Teachers per Grade

| Grade          | Durham Community | Morse Street | Pownal Elementary | Mast Landing | Freeport Middle | High School  | Total |
|----------------|------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|-------|
| K              | 3                | 5            | 1                 |              |                 |              | 9     |
| 1              | 2.5              | 5            | 1                 |              |                 |              | 8.5   |
| 2              | 2.5              | 5            | 1                 |              |                 |              | 8.5   |
| 3              | 2                |              | 1                 | 4            |                 |              | 7     |
| 4              | 2                |              | 1                 | 4            |                 |              | 7     |
| 5              | 2                |              | 1                 | 4            |                 |              | 7     |
| 6              | 2                |              |                   |              | 5               |              | 7     |
| 7              | 2                |              |                   |              | 5               |              | 7     |
| 8              | 2                |              |                   |              | 5               |              | 7     |
| 9              |                  |              |                   |              |                 |              |       |
| 10             |                  |              |                   |              |                 |              |       |
| 11             |                  |              |                   |              |                 |              |       |
| 12             |                  |              |                   |              |                 |              |       |
| Total Teachers | 20               | 15           | 6                 | 12           | 15              | see attached | 68    |

Revised 4/14/10 - if retain 3 middle school programs

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|----------------|------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|-------|
| K              | 3                | 5            | 1                 |              |                 |              | 9     |
| 1              | 2.5              | 5            | 1                 |              |                 |              | 8.5   |
| 2              | 2.5              | 5            | 1                 |              |                 |              | 8.5   |
| 3              | 2                |              | 1                 | 4            |                 |              | 7     |
| 4              | 2                |              | 1                 | 4            |                 |              | 7     |
| 5              | 2                |              | 1                 | 4            |                 |              | 7     |
| 6              | 2                |              | 1                 |              | 4               |              | 7     |
| 7              | 2                |              | 1                 |              | 5               |              | 8     |
| 8              | 2                |              | 1                 |              | 4               |              | 7     |
| 9              |                  |              |                   |              |                 |              |       |
| 10             |                  |              |                   |              |                 |              |       |
| 11             |                  |              |                   |              |                 |              |       |
| 12             |                  |              |                   |              |                 |              |       |
| Total Teachers | 20               | 15           | 9                 | 12           | 13              | see attached | 69    |

**2009-10 High School  
Teacher Class Loads**

3/24/10

| <b>Dept.</b>        | <b>Teacher</b> | <b>Student Load per School Year</b> | <b>Average Class Size</b> | <b># of Sections</b> | <b>Other duties</b>       |
|---------------------|----------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| English             | Anderson       | 43                                  | 10-11                     | 4                    | PTE                       |
| English             | Carr           | 71                                  | 23-24                     | 3                    | Writing Center & PLATO    |
| English             | Compton        | 36                                  | 12                        | 3                    | PTE                       |
| English             | Detert         | 72                                  | 14-15                     | 5                    | Study hall (80-minute)    |
| English             | Lemmerman      | 53                                  | 17-18                     | 3                    | Writing Center & PLATO    |
| English             | MacVane        | 48                                  | 16                        | 3                    | PTE                       |
| English             | Robinson       | 95                                  | 15-16                     | 6                    |                           |
| English             | Wilhelm        | 73                                  | 14-15                     | 5                    | Study hall (80-minute)    |
| Fine & Applied Arts | Andreson       | 105                                 | 19-20                     | 5.5                  | Study hall (40-minute)    |
| Fine & Applied Arts | Harper         | 24                                  | 12                        | 1                    | JMG (5 sections)          |
| Fine & Applied Arts | Libby          | 88                                  | 17-18                     | 5                    |                           |
| Fine & Applied Arts | Medsker        | 82                                  | 13-14                     | 6                    |                           |
| Fine & Applied Arts | Russell        | 39                                  | 13                        | 3                    | & FMS                     |
| Fine & Applied Arts | Watts          | 85                                  | 15-16                     | 5.5                  | Lunch duty                |
| Fine & Applied Arts | Wescott        | 143                                 | 23-24                     | 6                    |                           |
| Foreign Lang.       | Jensen         | 73                                  | 12-13                     | 6                    |                           |
| Foreign Lang.       | Paterson       | 76                                  | 15-16                     | 5                    | Study hall (80-minute)    |
| Foreign Lang.       | Wakely         | 59                                  | 9-10                      | 6                    |                           |
| Foreign Lang.       | Whitmore       | 104                                 | 17-18                     | 6                    |                           |
| Health/PE           | Draper         | 199                                 | 33-34                     | 6                    |                           |
| Health/PE           | Drolet         | 205                                 | 34-35                     | 6                    |                           |
| Math                | Berkemeyer     | 70                                  | 11-12                     | 6                    |                           |
| Math                | Heathco        | 61                                  | 11-12                     | 5.5                  | Study hall (40-minute)    |
| Math                | LaForge        | 89                                  | 14-15                     | 6                    |                           |
| Math                | Libby          | 13                                  | 13                        | 1                    |                           |
| Math                | Pizzuto        | 54                                  | 9                         | 6                    |                           |
| Math                | Soule          | 71                                  | 11-12                     | 6                    |                           |
| Math                | Thomas         | 67                                  | 13-14                     | 5                    |                           |
| Science             | Cass           | 57                                  | 9-10                      | 6                    |                           |
| Science             | DiSilvestro    | 58                                  | 11-12                     | 5                    | Study hall (80-minute)    |
| Science             | Hunter         | 48                                  | 16                        | 3                    | PTE                       |
| Science             | Irish          | 54                                  | 9                         | 6                    |                           |
| Science             | Kurry          | 60                                  | 12                        | 5                    | Study hall (80-minute)    |
| Science             | Smail          | 56                                  | 10-11                     | 5.5                  | Lunch duty                |
| Science             | Thomas         | 8                                   | 8                         | 1                    |                           |
| Science             | Zachko         | 52                                  | 9-10                      | 5.5                  | Study hall (40-minute)    |
| Soc Studies         | Atwood         | 42                                  | 14                        | 3                    | Virtual H.S. & Study hall |
| Soc Studies         | Dyhrberg       | 64                                  | 10-11                     | 6                    |                           |
| Soc Studies         | Massey         | 51                                  | 17                        | 3                    | PTE                       |
| Soc Studies         | Mellon         | 74                                  | 14-15                     | 5                    | Study hall (80-minute)    |
| Soc Studies         | Morrison/Crane | 10                                  | 10                        | 1                    | PTE                       |
| Soc Studies         | Ogilby         | 105                                 | 17-18                     | 6                    |                           |
| Soc Studies         | Tilton         | 63                                  | 14                        | 4.5                  | PTE                       |

Pownal Elementary School  
Middle School  
Current Enrollment Projected 2010-11  
6-11                      6-13  
7-13                      7-11  
8-16                      8-13

Grade 6 is a two person team with one teacher doing Math/Science and the other Language arts/Social Studies  
Grade 7/8 is also a two person team with one teacher doing Math/Language arts and the other Science/Soc. Studies

We offer Phys. Ed./health, Music, Art, Computer, Library and Spanish for specials and all students do chorus. Band is an elective. Spring and fall concerts are offered.

Cabaret night is offered in the spring for students to showcase talent.

We have school dances and a robotics club that was first in the state the last two years.

We have a student recycling program

Skiing is offered on early release Wed in the winter

Our gifted and talented program produced two middle school winners in scholastic writing awards for poetry this year.

Sports  
No cut policy  
Soccer, track, Basketball and Baseball/Soccer we also attend Pine Tree League math meets and "Battle of the Books"

Trips  
Grade 8 will attend Camp Kieve this year  
Grade 7 canoe's the Saco river  
Grade 6 hikes Pleasant Mountain

All students have access to laptops

Each student is given the book of their choice from Borders for summer reading.

## Freeport Middle School

We are a middle school for grades 6-8 with 270 students. There are five-teacher teams at each grade level currently. We have a variety of sports, intramurals, clubs and other activities for the students.

|                                 | 2009 – 10<br>Total enrolment /<br>class size |
|---------------------------------|--|
| 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade (5 cores) | 91 / 18.2                                    |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade (5 cores) | 78 / 15.6                                    |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade (5 cores) | 101 / 20.2                                   |

|                                 | 2010 -11 Projected w/ Pownal<br>(Total enrolment / class size) |
|---------------------------------|--|
| 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade (5 cores) | 101 / 20.2   |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade (5 cores) | 102 / 20.4   |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade (5 cores) | 91 / 18.2  |

|                                 | 2010 -11 Projected w/o Pownal<br>(Total enrolment / class size) |
|---------------------------------|---|
| 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade (4 cores) | 88 / 22   |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade (5 cores) | 91 / 18.2   |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade (4 cores) | 78 / 19.5   |

### Core subject areas:

Social Studies, Science, Math, ELA, Literacy, STEM (8th grade – robotics, hovercraft, boat design and building. CAD)

### Unified Arts:

PE, Health, Art, Spanish, French, World Cultures,

Alternative education program

Chorus program w/ about 100 kids

Band program w/ about 120 kids

Advisory program to help with student connections to school and success

Socials – 8 Socials this year (dance and gym activities)

### Sports:

7th and 8th grade: Soccer, Club Football (6,7,8), Field Hockey, Cross Country, Basketball,

Lacrosse, Baseball, Softball, Nordic and Alpine skiing

6th grade Intramurals (some activities will include 7th and 8th grade)

### Clubs:

Science club – do science experiments after school

Space club – Go to space camp in Alabama (fund raise and pay some themselves)

Travel Club – go to Quebec City (fund raise and pay some themselves)

Drama Club – 2 plays, Student government, Origami Club, Math Team, Peer Leaders

### Special Programs:

Kieve – next year all 6th and 8th grade students will go to Kieve

Acadia – all 7th graders went to this year

Washington DC on Columbus Day weekend

### Laptops:

1:1 laptops in all three grades, 6th grade does not take their laptops home

Durham Community School  
Grades 6-8

Current enrollment:

Projected enrollment 2010/2011

6 - 43  
7 - 34  
8 - 38

6 - 40  
7 - 44  
8 - 34

6th grade is a two person team and the children are mixed between two classes for math, ELA, science and social studies.

There is a specials class each day which is 50 minutes of either computer, art, PE, spanish or music. They currently have library and guidance once during the week also.

The 6th grade attend a 3 day/2 night overnight camp in September that they fundraise for during 5th grade.

7th and 8th grade are taught by a four person team. Each teacher is responsible for a subject area in the core classes. The students are taught by the same teachers for both years.

Specials are once a day for 60 minutes and vary between STEM, art, music, computer, library and health. Spanish is not currently taught.  
PE is once a week.

For grades 6-8

Co curricular:

Band  
Chorus  
Math team  
Drama  
Outing Club

Sports:

|            |               |       |
|------------|---------------|-------|
| Soccer     | Cross country |       |
| Basketball | Cheering      |       |
| Baseball   | Softball      | Track |

## **Pownal Middle School Recommendation Summary**

### **March 24, 2010**

An expectation of the budget development process is to consider the most effective use of our financial resources while providing the strongest programming possible for our students. The proposed budget was developed as a result of considering the equity of opportunity for our students and the parity of how we allocate funds to programs. It was a challenging task but the budget presented meets that expectation.

Equity of educational opportunities had been a concern expressed by several parents about Pownal's middle school program. Parents have commented on a strengthened middle level program this year; however, there are limited funds to increase student access to other offerings and opportunities. The question to consider was how, in light of decreasing state revenues, we can continue to provide varied academic, athletic, and co-curricular experiences to all of our students while limiting the impact to taxpayers. These considerations, in addition to the more detailed information below, led to the following recommendation:

Replace Pownal's current middle school program with the choice of attending either Durham or Freeport middle school. Transportation would be provided to either school.

#### **Recommendation Considerations:**

❖ **PK-5 Programming:**

The Pownal Elementary School is clearly at the heart of the community. The concept of keeping PK-5 children educated in the local community is important to citizens in all three communities. This recommendation would preserve a PK-5 program in Pownal and provide options for the meaningful use of the middle school classrooms.

❖ **Class Size:**

Freeport and Durham middle school could include Pownal's students in their middle school programs at a limited impact to either school. Class size would be at a targeted range of 20-22 students. This is a fairly typical range for middle school programs.

❖ **Academic Offerings:**

Providing strong educational opportunities for our middle level student would be more cost effective at two middle schools instead of three. Examples of such programs include World Languages and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) experiences are important elements. This would provide strong programming options for students with a reduced financial impact to taxpayers. The goal is to continue to strengthen our current offerings to make our programs even better.



❖ **Transportation:**

A bus route is currently in place between Pownal and Freeport High School. Middle school students could ride the same bus which would add a stop at Freeport Middle School. We have budgeted funds (\$5,000) to establish a new bus route from Pownal to Durham for our middle school students.

❖ **Financial Impact:**

This recommended change resulted in a budget reduction of \$185,000 due to the elimination of three teaching positions and the addition of transportation to Durham. This financial reduction enables us to continue to provide quality programs. It further offers choice between Freeport and Durham middle schools.

❖ **Use of Space:**

Student need requires the development of a self-contained program for students with special needs. One of the middle school rooms in Pownal could be used to house this new program. The community wants to ensure the building remains an active and dynamic environment. Members have suggested use of the spaces in a variety of ways with the focus on a meaningful and important role in the RSU.

Through public budget discussions in all three towns, we heard there is strong support for our quality programs and staff. Administration and the Board are challenged to find a way to continue to provide that quality while limiting the impact to our local taxpayers. The goal of this recommendation was to save funds while continuing to provide and enhance educational opportunities for our students. It was not an easy recommendation to make but one that is focused on the best interests of students and taxpayers.